

# FACT SHEET FOR HAWAII HOISTING MACHINE OPERATORS

## **Machines Requiring Operator Certification**

Hoisting machines operators require certification when operating equipment covered by the ASME B30.5 Standard, with a lifting capacity of more than five tons and used to perform construction work as defined by section 12-50-2, HAR. ASME B30.5 covers crawler cranes, locomotive cranes, wheel-mounted cranes, and any variations thereof which retain the same fundamental characteristics, powered by internal combustion engines or electric motors, and only when such machines are used as lifting cranes. [See Chapter 12-48 Hawaii Administrative Rules, Hoisting Machine Operators]

## **Types of Certification**

**Five Year Certification** - The five year certification requires an applicant to be twenty-one (21) years of age at the time of application. An applicant must have passed a physical examination meeting ASME B30.5 requirements and submit a current copy of an NCCCO medical examiner's certificate or DOT certificate of medical examination. An applicant must also submit a current NCCCO certificate showing hoisting machine operation experience as required for the NCCCO written exam.

**Two Year Special Certification** - A special certificate is issued to an applicant who does not have a current NCCCO certificate, where the applicant works for only one employer and only operates hoisting machines identified by the applicant's current employer. The employer must certify in writing that the applicant has been trained in compliance with the ASME B30.5 Standard for the specific hoisting machine or machines identified in the application. This special certification is nontransferable, valid for two years or until the applicant terminates employment with the certifying employer and can only be issued once to an operator.

## **Renewing a Hoisting Machine Operator Certification**

Operators can renew hoisting machine certifications. Applications for renewal must be filed with the director of labor and industrial relations no later than ninety days after a current certificate expires.

## **Denial, suspension and revocation of a Hoisting Machine Certificate**

The director of labor and industrial relations may deny, suspend or revoke a certificate for violation of ASME B30.5, non-compliance with an order of the director, conviction of a crime directly related to the safe operation of a hoisting machine, having a mental or physical defect causing inability to safely operate a hoisting machine, providing false information or making any misrepresentation to obtain a certificate, unlawful use of narcotics or dangerous drugs, contributing to an accident involving a hoisting machine, or for any other reasons deemed by the director to create a hazard or risk to persons or property. Appeals contesting a denial, suspension or revocation must be received by the director within twenty calendars days of such action.

## **Fees**

There is a nonrefundable application fee of \$50.

**Five Year Certification** - Within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving notification that an application has been approved, an applicant must remit to the director a \$500 certification fee. For certification periods of less than five years, the certification fee for each year or portion of a year shall be \$100.

**Two Year Special Certification** - Within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving notification that an application has been approved, an applicant must remit to the director a \$300 certification fee.

Applications can be downloaded from the following website: <http://hawaii.gov/labor/hiosh/crane.shtml>

Mail completed application with attachments to:

Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division  
830 Punchbowl Street, Room 425  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

For further information call Lora at 808-586-9011; Fax: 808-586-9104 [Hours: M-F 8am – noon]